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SUBJECT: ILO - POSITIONS FOR TENTH CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN
STATES MEMBERS

1. FOLLOWING IS APPROVED POSITION FOR RESOLUTION CONCERNING LATIN AMERICANIZATION OF ILO REGIONAL ACTIVITIES SUBMITTED BY WORKER DELEGATES OF PANAMA AND COSTA RICA.

2. PROBLEM: TO PREVENT THE EXCLUSION OF THE UNITED STATES FROM THE ILO'S LATIN AMERICAN REGIONAL ACTIVITIES.

3. POSITION:

A. USDEL SHOULD OPPOSE OR ABSTAIN ACCORDING TO WHICH ACTION APPEARS MOST LIKELY TO INSURE FAILURE OF RESOLUTION.

B. USDEL SHOULD STATE THAT US FAVORS PRESENT PRACTICE OF HAVING REGIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR LATIN AMERICAN AREA

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INCLUDE THE UNITED STATES. THIS ARRANGEMENT SOUNDLY BASED

AND WORKS WELL.

C. USDEL SHOULD CONSULT WITH OTHER DELEGATIONS, PRESENT OUR POINT OF VIEW, AND SEEK SUPPORT FOR PREVENTING PASSAGE OF THE RESOLUTION.

D. USDEL SHOULD CONSULT WITH CANADIAN DELEGATION AND

COLLABORATE WITH IT, AS APPROPRIATE, IN MAKING APPROACHES TO OTHER DELEGATES.

E. USDEL SHOULD POINT OUT FOLLOWING DEFECTS IN THE RESOLUTION.

(1) PREAMBULATORY PARAS ASSUME THAT LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES ARE PREJUDICED BY NOT HAVING AN EXCLUSIVELY LATIN AMERICAN REGION, BUT DO NOT PRESENT ANY EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT THIS ASSUMPTION.

(2) FOURTH PREAMBULATORY PARA IMPLIES THAT THE ILO IS THE ONLY UN SPECIALIZED AGENCY THAT HAS A REGION INCLUDING BOTH LATIN AND NORTH AMERICA. THIS IS NOT CORRECT. THE WHO AND THE UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION, FOR EXAMPLE, HAVE REGIONAL ORGANS AND ACTIVITIES INCLUDING BOTH LATIN AND NORTH AMERICA.

(3) THE FIRST OPERATIVE PARA CALLS FOR A DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY THE REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE COMPOSITION OF THE LATIN AMERICAN REGION. THIS REGIONAL CONFERENCE CAN ONLY RECOMMEND; IT IS THE ILO GOVERNING BODY THAT HAS THE RIGHT TO MAKE THE DECISION.

4. DISCUSSION. FOLLOWING ARE REASONS WHY UNITED STATES (AND CANADA) SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN LATIN AMERICAN REGION OF ILO:

A. WE HAVE COMMON INTERESTS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES OF THE HEMISPHERE IN LABOR FIELD, SUCH AS DEVELOPMENT OF THE FREE TRADE UNION MOVEMENT, FAIR AND EQUITABLE TREATMENT OF WORKERS, ETC.

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B. GEOGRAPHIC PROPINQUITY.

C. NORTH AMERICA WOULD NOT MAKE A REGION BY ITSELF.

D. THE PRESENT COMPOSITION IS CURRENTLY PRODUCING GOOD RESULTS. RE PREAMBULATORY PARAGRAPH FOUR, AN OUTSTANDING EXAMPLE OF UN SPECIALIZED AGENCY HAVING REGIONAL BODY

INCLUDING BOTH NORTH AND LATIN AMERICA IS WHO. PAN AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION, WHICH INCLUDES BOTH, SERVES AS REGIONAL ARM OF WHO. PREAMBULATORY PARA 3 ASSERTS THAT BECAUSE OF WIDE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT OF LATIN AND NORTH AMERICA, THERE IS NO FOUNDATION FOR INTER-AMERICAN STRUCTURES. OPPOSITE CONCLUSION IS EQUALLY VALID; NAMELY, THE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS THAT IS POSSIBLE IN A REGIONAL GROUPING IS IMPORTANT

PRECISELY BECAUSE OF THE DIFFERENCES IN STAGES OF DEVELOPMENT. MOREOVER, DIFFERENCE IN STAGES OF DEVELOPMENT IS NOT UNIQUE TO THE AMERICAS. ILO ASIAN REGION, FOR EXAMPLE, CONTAINS BOTH JAPAN AND BANGLADESH. THERE ARE EVEN SUBSTANTIAL DIFFERENCES AMONG MEMBERS OF THE ILO'S EUROPEAN REGION.

5. IF MAJORITY OF DELEGATES FAVOR THE RESOLUTION, USDEL SHOULD REPORT TO DEPARTMENT BY TELEGRAM. INGERSOLL

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